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## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Public Law 756  
S. 3120

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INDEX AND SUMMARY OF S. 3120

- Jan. 12, 1956 Rep. Abernethy introduced H. R. 8321 which was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. Print of bill as introduced.
- Feb. 3, 1956 Sen. Ellender introduced S. 3120 which was referred to Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. Print of bill as introduced.
- June 6, 1956 Senate Committee ordered S. 3120 reported.
- June 7, 1956 Senate Committee reported S. 3120 without amendment. Senate report No. 2154. Print of bill and report.
- June 11, 1956 Senate passed S. 3120 without amendment.
- June 13, 1956 S. 3120 was referred to House Committee on Agriculture. Print of bill as referred.
- June 21, 1956 House Committee ordered H. R. 8321 reported.
- July 2, 1956 House Committee reported H. R. 8321 without amendment. House Report No. 2570. Print of bill and report.
- July 16, 1956 House passed S. 3120 without amendment. (H. R. 8321 was laid on the table).
- July 24, 1956 Approved: Public Law 756, 84th Cong.



DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 756

CONTINUATION OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM. Amends section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, so as to continue for 2 years (through December 1958) Federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program.









84TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8321

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 1956

Mr. ABERNETHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act,  
as amended.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That section 8 (a), as amended, of the Soil Conservation  
4       and Domestic Allotment Act, is amended (a) by striking  
5       out "January 1, 1957" wherever it appears therein and  
6       inserting in lieu thereof "January 1, 1959", and (b) by  
7       striking out "December 31, 1956" and inserting in lieu  
8       thereof "December 31, 1958".

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84TH CONGRESS  
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Allotment Act, as amended.

By Mr. ABERNETHY

JANUARY 12, 1956

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture



HOUSE H. R. 8321

A BILL

TO

AMEND

THE

# S. 3120

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3 (legislative day, JANUARY 16), 1956

Mr. ELLENDER (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice  
and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

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## A BILL

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act,  
as amended.

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2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allot-  
4       ment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h), is amended by  
5       striking out of subsection (a) “January 1, 1957” and  
6       “December 31, 1956”, wherever they appear therein, and  
7       inserting in lieu thereof “January 1, 1959” and “December  
8       31, 1958”, respectively.

## A BILL

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended.

By Mr. ELLENDER.

FEBRUARY 3 (legislative day, JANUARY 16), 1956

Read twice and referred to the Committee on  
Agriculture and Forestry







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OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate confirmed nomination of Seaton as Interior Secretary. Senate passed independent offices and general government matters appropriation bills. Senate committees reported bills to extend emergency farm-loan law, merge intermediate credit banks and poc's, and continue export control. Senate committee voted to report bills to repeal authority of FPMC to issue bonds, authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl, approve an interstate forest fire compact, authorize land purchase in Cache Forest, require census data by economic class of farm, amend penal provision of CCC Charter Act, extend date for tobacco quota, authorize land exchanges with Defense Dept., eliminate requirement for quarantine notice, continue ACP, pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee. Senate committee approved procedures to select site of animal disease laboratory, also 5 watershed reports. Senate passed rural libraries bill. House debated mutual security bill. Sen. Carlson suggested location of animal disease laboratory at Manhattan, Kans. Sen. (continued on page 5)

## SENATE

1. NOMINATION of Frederick A. Seaton, to be Secretary of the Interior, was confirmed. p. 8632
2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS APPROPRIATION BILL, 1957. Passed as reported this bill, H. R. 9536. Senate conferees were appointed. p. 8653
3. INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1957. Passed with amendments this bill, H. R. 9739. Senate conferees were appointed. p. 8653  
Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Young to increase from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the amount for a survey of records management activities (p. 8659). Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Humphrey to strike out the prohibition against FTC statistical analyses of the consumer's dollar (p. 8661). Sen. Humphrey commended the work of the National Science Foundation (p. 8661).
4. FARM LOANS. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported with amendment



S. 3559, to amend the act of Aug. 31, 1954, so as to extend the availability of emergency credit to farmers and stockmen (S. Rept. 2144). p. 8634

This Committee also reported with amendments H. R. 10285, to merge production credit corporations in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for retirement of Government capital in Federal intermediate credit banks, and to provide for supervision of production credit associations (S. Rept. 2145). p. 8634

This Committee also voted to report S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds. p. D576

5. EXPORT CONTROL. The Banking and Currency Committee reported with amendments H. R. 9052, to continue the Export Control Act for an additional 2 years (S. Rept. 2147). p. 8634
6. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE voted to report the following bills: S. 2732, to authorize the Interior Department to feed CCC grain to waterfowl; S. 3032, approving the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact; S. 3132, providing for purchase of lands in the Cache National Forest; S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm; S. 3669, to amend the penal provision of the CCC Charter Act; S. 3261, to extend from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1 the date by which the national marketing quota for certain types of tobacco must be announced; S. 2572, authorizing exchange of forest lands, etc., with the Defense Department; S. 2585, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center; S. 3046, to eliminate the requirement that the Secretary of Agriculture notify officials of carriers of livestock of the existence of a contagion quarantine; S. 3120, to continue Federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program; S. 3314, authorizing payment of expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation; and S. 3344, authorizing conveyance to Alaska of certain lands in Sitka known as Baranof Castle site. The committee also approved (1) procedures outlined by USDA to set up an advisory committee to select a site for additional animal research facilities at a location other than Beltsville, and (2) the following 5 watershed projects: Little Wewoka-Graves Creek, Okla.; Big Wewoka, Okla.; Cummins Creek, Tex.; Upper Brushy Creek, Tex.; and Lower Brushy Creek, Tex. p. D576
7. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported without amendment S. 3681, to increase to \$5,000 the total amount a person may earn when holding more than one Federal job, without coming under the restriction of the dual compensation law (S. Rept. 2143). p. 8634
8. ANIMAL RESEARCH. Sen. Carlson suggested location of the animal disease laboratory at Manhattan, Kans. p. 8639
9. WHEAT. Sen. Carlson discussed the results of a survey by the Uhlmann Grain Co. regarding the 2-price wheat plan. p. 8639
10. POULTRY INSPECTION. Sen. Morse spoke in favor of legislation to require poultry inspection. p. 8642
11. TRANSPORTATION. Sen. Morse recommended that ICC hold a hearing on the freight-car shortage. p. 8670  
Sen. Humphrey requested ICC to do what it can to alleviate the box-car shortage. p. 8677
12. FOREIGN AID. Sen. Humphrey inserted an article by Max Millikan and Walter Rostow recommending revamping of the foreign aid program. p. 8674







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HIGHLIGHTS: House debated foreign aid bill. House concurred in Senate amendments to general Government matters appropriation bill. Ready for President. House Committee submitted report on REA and Interior power policies. Senate committee reported bills to authorize USDA land exchanges with Defense, continue ACP, pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee, authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl, amend penal provision of CCC Charter Act, repeal FFMC authority to issue bonds, approve inter state forest fire compact, eliminate requirement for notice of animal quarantine, require census data on class of farm, change date for proclaiming tobacco quota. Senate received nomination of Hamil to REA. Senate committee ordered reported bills to improve budgeting and accounting methods and procedures and to facilitate payment of obligations.

## HOUSE

1. FOREIGN AID. Continued debate on H. R. 11356, the mutual security authorization bill. p. 8810
2. APPROPRIATIONS. Concurred in the Senate amendments to H. R. 9536, the general Government matters appropriation bill for 1957. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 8810  
House conferees were appointed on H. R. 10003, the D. C. appropriation bill for 1957. p. 8854 (Senate conferees were appointed June 5.)
3. FOREIGN TRADE. Both Houses received from the President a report on actions under the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act (H. Doc. 421); to House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee. pp. 8755, 8856  
Rep. Byrd spoke in opposition to the Organization for Trade Cooperation. p. 8857
4. ELECTRIFICATION. The Government Operations Committee submitted a report on the



effect of Interior Department and REA policies on public-power preferred customers (H. Rept. 2279). p. 8862

5. WATER POLLUTION; POSTAL RATES. The Rules Committee reported resolutions for consideration of H. R. 11380, to readjust postal rates, and H. R. 9540, to extend the Water Pollution Control Act. p. 8857
6. PUBLIC LANDS. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 5712, to provide that the U. S. hold in trust for the Pueblos of Zia and Jemez a part of the Ojo del Espiritu Santo Grant and a small area of public domain adjacent thereto (H. Rept. 2281). p. 8862

#### SENATE

7. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY Committee reported the following bills: (p. 8757)
  - S. 2572, to authorize the interchange of lands between USDA and the Defense Department; without amendment (S. Rept. 2152).
  - S. 2585, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Research Center (S. Rept. 2155); without amendment.
  - S. 3120, to continue for 2 additional years Federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program; without amendment (S. Rept. 2154).
  - S. 3314, to authorize payment of expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation; without amendment (S. Rept. 2153).
  - S. 2732, to authorize the Interior Department to obtain CCC grain for feeding to waterfowl to prevent depredations; with amendment (S. Rept. 2156).
  - S. 3669, to amend the penal provision of the CCC Charter Act (S. Rept. 2157); with amendment.
  - S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds; with amendments (S. Rept. 2158).
  - S. 3032, approving the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact; with amendments (S. Rept. 2159).
  - S. 3046, to eliminate the requirement for certain notices of animal quarantine; with amendments (S. Rept. 2160).
  - S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm (S. Rept. 2161); with amendments.
  - S. 3261, to change the date by which certain tobacco quotas must be announced each year; with amendment (S. Rept. 2151).
  - S. 3344, to authorize USDA to convey to Alaska certain lands in Sitka known as Baranof Castle site; without amendment (S. Rept. 2150).
8. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Committee ordered reported H. R. 7227, to provide for donation of surplus property for civil defense purposes; H. R. 7855, extending temporary authority of GSA to dispose of surplus property by negotiation to July 31, 1958; S. 3362, to simplify accounting and facilitate the payment of obligations; S. 3897, to improve governmental budgeting and accounting methods and procedures; H. R. 10417, to amend the Federal Register Act regarding public proclamations in a period following an attack upon the U. S.; S. 3843, to adjust the application of Sec. 322 of the Economy Act of 1932 to premises leased for Government purposes. p. D587
9. WATER DEVELOPMENT. Sen. Watkins inserted and commended an address by Reclamation Commissioner Dexheimer on the future of multiple-purpose river development. p. 8803
10. NOMINATION. Sen. Watkins commended the nomination of Fred A. Seaton to be Secretary of the Interior and inserted newspaper editorials on this subject. p. 8806



## ACP PROGRAM EXTENSION

JUNE 7 (legislative day, JUNE 4), 1956.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ELLENDER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 3120]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3120) to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This bill extends the Secretary's authority to make soil conservation payments for an additional 2 years, through December 31, 1958. The Secretary was given this authority in 1936 for 2 years to give States an opportunity to enact legislation and submit suitable plans for State programs. Twenty-four States and two insular areas have enacted laws to provide for State programs.

#### DEAPRTMENTAL VIEWS

JANUARY 30, 1956.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,  
*United States Senate,*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The Department recommends enactment of legislation to extend the authority of the Secretary to administer sections 7 through 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1936 for 2 years after the expiration of such authority on December 31, 1956.

Section 7 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act provides for administration of these provisions by agencies of States which are authorized by State law to assume that responsibility and who submit acceptable plans for such administration to the Secretary. Section 8 originally provided a period of 2 years in which the Secretary would administer the act through State, county, and local committees. This period was provided to allow States sufficient time to enact

legislation and submit plans. The original authority for Federal administration expired December 31, 1938. The authority has been extended several times to the present expiration date.

Up to the present time 24 States and 2 insular areas have enacted laws to provide for State administration. An equal number do not possess such authority and it would be necessary for the Secretary to administer the programs authorized by the act in States without such authority even though the States who now have legal authority should submit plans that were approved.

There is attached a draft of an amendment to the act, which we believe would accomplish the desired effect. A similar draft of proposed legislation has been sent to the Speaker of the House.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that it has no objection to the submission of the proposed legislation.

Sincerely yours,

E. T. BENSON, *Secretary*.

#### CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

#### SOIL CONSERVATION AND DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT ACT, AS AMENDED

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SEC. 8. (a) In order to carry out the purposes specified in section 7 (a) during the period necessary to afford a reasonable opportunity for legislative action by a sufficient number of States to assure the effectuation of such purposes by State action and in order to promote the more effective accomplishment of such purposes by State action thereafter, the Secretary shall exercise the powers conferred in this section during the period prior to January 1, [1957] 1959, except with respect to farming operations commenced in any State after the effective date of a State plan for such State approved pursuant to section 7. No such powers shall be exercised after December 31, [1956] 1958, except with respect to payments or grants in connection with farming operations carried out prior to January 1, [1957] 1959.

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84TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3120

[Report No. 2154]

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3 (legislative day, JANUARY 16), 1956

Mr. ELLENDER (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

JUNE 7 (legislative day, JUNE 4), 1956

Reported by Mr. ELLENDER, without amendment

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## A BILL

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as amended.

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84<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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**S. 3120**

[Report No. 2154]

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**A BILL**

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To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic  
Allotment Act, as amended.

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By Mr. ELLENDER

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FEBRUARY 3 (legislative day, JANUARY 16), 1956

Read twice and referred to the Committee on  
Agriculture and Forestry

JUNE 7 (legislative day, JUNE 4), 1956

Reported without amendment







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HIGHLIGHTS: House passed mutual security bill. Senate passed bills to: Extend emergency credit to farmers and stockmen. Extend date for tobacco quota. Ready for President. Pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee. Continue ACP. Authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl. Repeal FFMC authority to issue bonds. Approve interstate forest fire compact. Require census data on class of farm. Amend penal provisions of CCC Charter Act. Eliminate requirement for notice of animal quarantine. Both Houses agreed to conference report on State-Justice appropriation bill. Ready for President. Senate committee reported (June 8) public works appropriation bill. Rep. Hope introduced bill to authorize certain point-of-order items.

## HOUSE

1. FOREIGN AID. Passed with amendments H. R. 11356, the mutual security bill, by a vote of 275 to 122. p. 9012 (For provisions of interest to this Department, see Digests 89 and 95.)
2. APPROPRIATIONS. Both Houses agreed to the conference report on H. R. 10721, the State, Justice, and Judiciary appropriation bill for 1957. pp. 8975, 9059. The House agreed to the Senate amendment providing certain administrative funds for the Passamaquoddy Tidal Power project. This bill is now ready for the President.
3. MONOPOLIES. Passed with amendment H. R. 1840, to strengthen the Robinson-Patman Act and amend the antitrust law prohibiting price discrimination (p. 9013). Agreed to an amendment by Rep. Patman to substitute the title and preamble of H. R. 11, a similar bill, for the title of H. R. 1840 (p. 9041).
4. TEXTILE IMPORTS. Rep. Flynt inserted a telegram to the Tariff Commission urging that the peril point and escape clause provisions of the Trade Agreements Act be invoked on certain imported textile products to protect the domestic textile industry. p. 9061

5. ELECTRIFICATION. Rep. Radwan urged that construction of power facilities be started as soon as possible and that the ownership of the plant be settled while the power facility is being constructed. p. 9062
6. FLOOD CONTROL. Both Houses received from the Budget Bureau certain plans for works of improvement under sec. 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act; to the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee and the House Agriculture Committee. pp. 8926, 9063
7. RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 7726, to authorize the construction of the Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Ore. (H. Rept. 2305). p. 9063
8. LIBRARIES. The Health and Science Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11524, to establish a National Library of Medicine. p. D606

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9. TOBACCO. Passed without amendment H. R. 9475, to extend the time for announcing marketing quotas for tobacco, except flue-cured tobacco, from November 30 to January 31 of each year. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 8961
10. FARM LOANS. Passed as reported S. 3559, to extend for 2 years the act of Aug. 31, 1954, authorizing emergency loans to farmers and stockmen, and to increase the limitation from \$15 million to \$50 million. p. 8960  
Passed as reported S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds, permit the Corporation to use amounts received annually from the bulk sale of its assets to the Federal land banks to pay its costs of liquidation, and require the remaining stock of the Corporation to be paid into the Treasury. p. 8963
11. RESEARCH LANDS. Passed with amendment S. 3344, to authorize this Department to convey to Alaska a land tract at Sitka which was formerly used for experimental purposes. Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Morse consisting of a reverter clause. p. 8961
12. SOIL-WATER CONSERVATION. Passed without amendment S. 3314, to authorize payment of the expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. p. 8962
13. AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM. Passed without amendment S. 3120, to continue for 2 years (through Dec. 31, 1959) Federal administration of this Program. p. 8962
14. LAND EXCHANGE. Passed without amendment S. 2585, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Research Center. p. 8962
15. CCC GRAIN. Passed H. R. 7641, to authorize Interior Department use of CCC grain to feed waterfowl, with an amendment to substitute the language of S. 2732 as reported. p. 8962
16. FORESTRY. Passed as reported S. 3032, to approve the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact. p. 8964
17. CENSUS. Passed as reported S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm. p. 8966



## BILLS PASSED OVER

The bill (H. R. 10285) to merge production credit corporations in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for retirement of Government capital in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for supervision of production credit associations, and for other purposes was announced as next in order.

Mr. BIBLE. Mr. President, I ask that the bill be passed over. It is not a bill which should appropriately be considered upon a call of the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

The bill (S. 3982) to provide for the maintenance of production of tungsten, asbestos, fluorspar, and columbium-tantalum in the United States, its Territories, and possessions, and for other purposes was announced as next in order.

Mr. PURTELL. Mr. President, since the amount involved in this bill will ultimately be approximately \$89 million, in the opinion of the Senator from Connecticut, it is not appropriate for consideration upon a call of the calendar. However, I have no objection to the bill. I hope it will be taken up on motion, at which time I shall be glad to vote for it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

The bill (H. R. 9052) to amend the Export Control Act of 1949 to continue for an additional period of 2 years the authority provided thereunder for the regulation of exports was announced as next in order.

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, I ask that the bill be passed over, on the ground that it is not appropriate for consideration upon a call of the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

## BILL PASSED TO FOOT OF THE CALENDAR

The bill (S. 3363) for the relief of Miroslav Slovak was announced as next in order.

Mr. PURTELL. Mr. President, we have no report on the bill; and for that reason, and that reason alone, I ask that the bill be passed over.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator from Connecticut withhold his objection for a moment? The Chair notes that the Senator from North Carolina is seeking recognition.

Mr. PURTELL. I am very happy to withhold my objection.

Mr. ERVIN. There is a report on the bill. It may be that the Senator will be willing to ask that the bill go to the foot of the calendar, rather than be passed over.

Mr. PURTELL. I have no objection to the bill going to the foot of the calendar. However, the report was not available when we went through the calendar today, as late as 12 o'clock.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Connecticut ask that the bill go to the foot of the calendar?

Mr. PURTELL. I ask that the bill be passed to the foot of the calendar, in the hope that we may have time to study the

report before the end of the calendar is reached.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will go to the foot of the calendar.

## LT. COMDR. MORTIMER T. CLEMENT

The bill (H. R. 4873) for the relief of Lt. Comdr. Mortimer T. Clement, Medical Corps, United States Navy, retired, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

## CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LANDS IN ALASKA

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3344) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Territory of Alaska certain lands in the city of Sitka, known as Baranof Castle site.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, I offer the amendment which I send to the desk and ask to have stated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment offered by the Senator from Oregon will be stated.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. On page 2, lines 4 and 5, it is proposed to strike out: "within a period of 25 years from the date of the conveyance"; and on page 2, lines 8 and 9, to strike out "without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered by the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MORSE].

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, may we have an explanation of the amendment?

Mr. MORSE. All it means is that if the lands are not used for the purposes for which they are held, they will revert to the United States. I see no reason why we should limit the reversion to a period of 25 years from the date of conveyance as the period of time within which the lands may not be used for other purposes. Let Congress decide 25 years from now what disposition it may wish to make of the lands, if it is desired to use them for purposes other than those set forth in the conveyance.

I have no objection to the conveyance, but I believe that the reverter should be general, and should not give the Territory of Alaska the right to hold the lands for 25 years for a certain purpose, and then cease to use them for that purpose, without the lands reverting to the United States after a period of 25 years.

Mr. ELLENDER. As I understand, the purpose of the amendment is that if the Territory of Alaska does not use the land for the purposes intended, even after the period of 25 years, the land will revert to the United States.

Mr. MORSE. That is correct.

Mr. ELLENDER. I have no objection to the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered by the Senator from Oregon [Mr. MORSE].

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in

the RECORD at this point a brief explanation of the bill.

There being no objection, the explanation was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

## EXPLANATION OF S. 3344

This bill would clarify the title to a small tract in Alaska (slightly in excess of 1½ acres) by providing for its conveyance to the Territory of Alaska. This tract, the Baranof Castle site, was the scene in 1867 of the transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States and is desired by the Territory to be developed as an historic site. The tract was "transferred" to the city of Sitka in 1932 subject to the condition that if it should ever be transferred, or used for commercial purposes, title would revert to the United States. The city of Sitka wishes to transfer its interest to the Territory, but there is some doubt as to the nature of the interest held by the city and whether title would revert to the United States if the city attempted to transfer the tract to the Territory. This bill would clear up these questions by transferring the interest of the United States to the Territory, subject to reversion to the United States if the Territory should attempt to transfer the tract.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is open to further amendment. If there be no further amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading; read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to convey, without reimbursement therefor, to the Territory of Alaska, for use as a historic monument site, all the right, title, and interest of the United States to the following described lands, containing 1.349 acres, more or less, and improvement thereon, known as the Baranof Castle site: The tract of land formerly occupied by the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, more particularly shown on the plat of Sitka Townsite, Alaska, United States survey numbered 1474, tract A, approved April 2, 1925, as the United States Reserve for Agricultural Investigations and Weather Service: *Provided,* That if the Territory of Alaska shall attempt to transfer title to or control over these lands, or to devote them to a use other than as a historic monument site title thereto shall revert to the United States.

## TOBACCO MARKETING QUOTA PROVISIONS

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3261) to amend the tobacco marketing quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended, which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry with an amendment, on page 1, line 8, after the word "of", to strike out "tobacco," and insert "tobacco," so as to make the bill read:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 312 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1312), is amended (a) by inserting in subsection (a) immediately following the words "December 1 of any marketing year" the language "with respect to flue-cured tobacco, and February 1 of any marketing year with respect to other kinds of tobacco" and (b) by striking out in subsection (b) the words "prior to the first day of December" and inserting in lieu thereof the language "not later than the first day



of December with respect to flue-cured tobacco and not later than the first day of February with respect to other kinds of tobacco".

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. ELLENDER subsequently said: Mr. President, in connection with Calendar No. 2174, Senate bill 3261, which the Senate passed a few moments ago, I had overlooked the fact that a House bill in the same language was under consideration by the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

I therefore ask unanimous consent that the votes by which Senate bill 3261 was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, be reconsidered, in order that I may request consideration of the House bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the votes by which Senate bill 3261 was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, are reconsidered.

Mr. ELLENDER. I now ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry be discharged from the further consideration of House bill 9475, and that the Senate proceed to consider the House bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry is discharged from the further consideration of House bill 9475.

The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The CHIEF CLERK. A bill (H. R. 9475) to amend the tobacco-marketing-quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, this bill would extend the time for announcing marketing quotas for tobacco, except flue-cured tobacco, from November 30 to January 31. The bulk of the tobacco crop each year is marketed by the middle of January so that much better information as to the size of the crop is available by the end of January than in November, which is the month when the tobacco begins moving to market. The marketing quota for the next crop can therefore be much more accurately determined in January. Inability to determine the proper quota in November made it necessary for Congress to provide for revision of the 1955 and 1956 quotas for burley tobacco after they had been announced. Passage of this bill, it is hoped, will avoid the need for such legislation by Congress in future years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of House bill 9475?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, Senate bill 3261 is indefinitely postponed.

#### BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (S. 2572) to authorize the interchange of lands between the Department of Agriculture and military departments of the Department of De-

fense, and for other purposes, was announced as next in order.

Mr. PURTELL. I ask that the bill be passed over.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be passed over.

#### EXPENSES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The bill (S. 3314) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of an advisory committee on soil and water conservation was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted etc.,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to pay expenses of an Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation and related matters, but such Committee members (other than ex officio members) shall not be deemed to be employees of the United States and shall not receive compensation.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record at this point a statement explaining the bill that has just been passed.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

#### EXPLANATION OF S. 3314

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. The Commission's expenses are incurred in furnishing advice to the Department and properly should be borne by the Government. The members of the Commission serve without compensation and will continue to do so. It is further in the interests of the Department that membership on the Commission not be restricted to those able to bear the expense involved in serving on it. The Department estimates that the annual expenditure provided by the bill would be about \$5,000.

#### AMENDMENT OF SOIL CONSERVATION AND DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT ACT

The bill (S. 3120) to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. HRUSKA. Mr. President, may we have an explanation of the bill?

Mr. ELLENDER. This is the usual extension for 2 years, to December 31, 1958, of the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to make soil conservation payments. The Secretary was given this authority in 1936, for 2 years, to give the States an opportunity to enact legislation and submit suitable plans for State programs. Twenty-four States and 2 insular areas have enacted laws providing for such programs. The remainder have not acted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h), is amended by striking out of subsection (a) "January 1, 1957" and "December 31, 1956", wherever they appear therein, and inserting in lieu thereof "January 1, 1959" and "December 31, 1958", respectively.

#### EXCHANGE OF ISOLATED PARCELS, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER

The bill (S. 2585) to authorize an exchange of land at the Agricultural Research Center was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, if I may have the attention of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. ELLENDER], I am correct in understanding that all that is involved is a transaction in which the Federal Government is exchanging certain land for land of at least equal value?

Mr. ELLENDER. The Senator is correct. It is land of at least equal value. In fact, it is more valuable, because the land which the Federal Government is obtaining consist of 3,126 square feet, for which it is exchanging 1,375 square feet. The dedication of a road cut these small parcels off from larger parcels of which they were parts, and the exchange would result in their incorporation in larger parcels to which they are adjacent.

Mr. MORSE. I commend the Senator from Louisiana for his explanation. I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to convey by quitclaim deed to the Powder Mill Development Co., Inc., a parcel of land containing approximately 1,375 square feet and located on the northerly side of Selman Road, Prince Georges County, Md., and separated from the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., by Selman Road and Cherry Hill Road, in exchange for that parcel of land now owned by the Powder Mill Development Co., Inc., containing approximately 3,126 square feet and located on the southerly side of the said Selman Road, Prince Georges County, Md., and adjoining other lands of the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md., *Provided*, That the lands so acquired from the Powder Mill Development Co., Inc., may be acquired subject to such reservations and outstanding interests as the Secretary determines will not interfere with the use thereof in connection with the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md.

#### CROP DEPREDATIONS BY WATER-FOWL

The bill (S. 2732) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with Federal and non-Federal agencies in the







IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 1956

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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AN ACT

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act,  
as amended.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allot-  
4       ment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h), is amended by  
5       striking out of subsection (a) "January 1, 1957" and  
6       "December 31, 1956", wherever they appear therein, and  
7       inserting in lieu thereof "January 1, 1959" and "December  
8       31, 1958", respectively.

Passed the Senate June 11, 1956.

Attest:

FELTON M. JOHNSTON,

*Secretary.*

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S. 3120

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## AN ACT

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic  
Allotment Act, as amended.

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## OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### HOUSE

1. THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ordered reported the following bills: p. D662

H. R. 11873, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days.

H. R. 9339, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga.

H. R. 11375, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children, whether or not under-privileged.

H. R. 609, to extend the provisions of the Federal Import Milk Act to Alaska.

H. R. 8321, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959.

H. R. 9678, to provide for the transfer of the Baronof Castle site (formerly research land) to Sitka, Alaska.

H. R. 8898, to authorize the purchase of additional lands within the Cache National Forest, Utah.

H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases.

H. R. 8817, to provide for the transfer of certain USDA lands to Corbin, Ky.

S. 3032, to approve the proposed Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

S. 2517, to release from escrow certain timber sale receipts in the Tongass National Forest.

S. 1688, to remove the criminal penalty for inadvertent violations of the Federal Seed Act and to prescribe civil penalties for such violations of the Act.

S. 1915, to permit the exchange of employees of the USDA and employees of State-local political subdivisions or educational institutions.

2. FISHERIES. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee ordered reported H. R. 11570, to establish a sound and comprehensive national policy with respect to fisheries and wildlife and create and establish in the Interior Department, the office of Undersecretary of Fisheries and Wildlife. p. D663
3. POSTAL SERVICE. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee ordered reported S. 1871, to provide for the reimbursement to the Post Office Department of fees for registration of Government mail. p. D664
4. ROADS. The conferees agreed to file a conference report on H. R. 10660, the road construction and revenue bill. p. D665
5. PUBLIC DEBT. Passed without amendment H. R. 11740, to increase the public debt limit by \$3 billion for the fiscal year 1957. p. 9716
6. DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME. The D. C. Committee ordered reported S. 3295, to authorize extension of the period of daylight-saving time in D. C. until October. p. D662
7. TRADE FAIRS. The Foreign Affairs Committee ordered reported H. J. Res. 604, to authorize the President to invite the States and foreign countries to participate in the U. S. World Trade Fair of 1957. p. D663
8. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported without amendment S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public (H. Rept. 2410). p. 9720
9. FOREIGN AID. Rep. Johansen criticized the continuation of foreign aid and urged a reappraisal of the entire foreign aid program. p. 9717
10. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Rep. McCormack announced the following schedule for the week of June 25: Mon., D. C. bills; the balance of the week, the veterans' compensation increase bill, the Federal aid school construction bill, the conference reports on the public works appropriation bill, the road bill, and the Labor-HEW appropriation bill. p. 9715
11. ADJOURNED until Mon., June 25. p. 9719

#### SENATE

12. NOMINATIONS. Confirmed the nominations of David A. Hamil to be REA Administrator; and Glenn A. Boger to be a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board. pp. 9660, 9709
13. APPROPRIATIONS. Began debate on the Defense Department appropriation bill. pp. 9674, 9694, 9697







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## SURPLUS COMMODITIES.

- 16./S. 3903, to increase the amount under title 1 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, was made the unfinished business. pp. 10440, 10485
17. CCC BORROWING POWER. Sen. Ellender urged prompt consideration of S. 3820, to increase the borrowing power of CCC. p. 10440

## HOUSE

18. RECLAMATION. Conferees were appointed on S. 1622, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make payment for certain improvements located on public lands in the Rapid Valley unit, S. Dak., of the Missouri River Basin project. Senate conferees were appointed on June 29. p. 10499
19. WATERSHEDS. Passed without amendment H. R. 11873, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days. p. 10515
20. PENALTY MAIL. Passed as reported S. 1871, to extend the penalty mail Act to Extension Directors and Experiment Stations. p. 10509
21. POSTAL RATES. Agreed to a resolution providing for the consideration of H. R. 11380, to readjust postal rates and to establish a congressional policy for the determination of postal rates. p. 10546
22. FOREIGN AID. Conferees were appointed on H. R. 11356, the mutual security bill. Senate conferees were appointed June 29. p. 10533
23. LAND TRANSFERS. Passed as reported H. R. 8817, to provide for the transfer of certain lands to Corbin, Ky. p. 10514  
The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H. R. 9678, to provide for the transfer of the Baronof Castle site (formerly research land) to Sitka, Alaska (H. Rept. 2571). p. 10561  
The Forests Subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11895, to authorize the interchange of lands between the USDA and the military departments of the Defense Department. p. D726
24. FORESTRY. Passed without amendment H. R. 9339, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Union County, Ga. for lands within the Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga. p. 10514  
The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment S. 2517, to release certain Tongass National Forest receipts from escrow (H. Rept. 2568). p. 10561
25. MILK. Passed without amendment H. R. 11375, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children whether or not underprivileged. p. 10515
26. SEED. Passed without amendment S. 1688, to remove the criminal penalty for inadvertent violations of the Federal Seed Act and to prescribe civil penalties for such violations of the Act. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10516
27. COMMODITY EXCHANGES. Passed as reported H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases. p. 10516
28. TRANSPORTATION. At the request of Rep. Ford, after some discussion, passed over S. 898, to amend the Interstate Commerce Act, with respect to the authority of



the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate the use by motor carriers (under leases, contracts, or other arrangements) of motor vehicles not owned by them, in the furnishing of transportation of property. p. 10512

29. CONTRACTS. The Ways and Means Committee reported on June 30 with amendment H.R. 11947, to extend and amend the Renegotiation Act of 1951 (H. Rept. 2549). p. 10560

30. SOIL CONSERVATION. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H. R. 8321, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959 (H. Rept. 2570). p. 10561

31. PERSONNEL. Passed without amendment S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10508

At the request of Rep. Gross, passed over S. 1815, to permit the exchange of employees of the USDA and employees of State-local political subdivisions or educational institutions. p. 10515

Passed without amendment H. R. 11923, to provide for the conferring of an award to be known as the Medal for Distinguished Civilian Achievement. p. 10519

The Executive and Legislative Reorganization Subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11515, to provide for the payment of travel and transportation costs of persons selected for appointment to certain positions in the U. S. and Alaska. p. D726

32. RECORDS. At the request of Rep. Cunningham, passed over S. 2364, to clarify GSA authority over records management. p. 10499

33. WATER PLANTS. Passed without amendment H. R. 11636, to amend Chapter 3 of Title 18, U. S. Code, to provide penalties for the transportation, sale of, or advertising for sale, in interstate commerce, of water hyacinth plants, water chestnut plants, or alligator grass. p. 10505

34. BUILDINGS. Passed without amendment S. 3866, to facilitate the making of lease purchase agreements by GSA by deleting the requirement for approval of purchase-contract agreements by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget and adding a requirement that the project statement by the Director shall be based on budgetary and related considerations, and not deemed to constitute approval of specific terms or provisions of any proposed agreement or of the selection of any particular contractor or lessor. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10510.

35. WEATHER. Passed without amendment S. 2913, to extend for two years (until June 30, 1958) the Advisory Committee on Weather Control. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10510

36. RESEARCH; ORGANIZATION. Passed without amendment H. R. 11575, to provide for an Assistant Secretary for Research and Development for each of the three military departments within the Defense Department. p. 10524

37. FLOOD CONTROL. Passed with amendment S. 3272, to increase and make certain revisions in the general authorization for small flood control projects. A similar bill, H. R. 9555, was laid on the table. p. 10529

## EXTEND ACP AUTHORITY

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JULY 2, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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Mr. COOLEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 8321]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8321) to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to extend for 2 years beyond the present expiration date (December 31, 1956) the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to administer directly the program authorized by section 7 through 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act commonly known as the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP).

#### DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL

Approval of the Department of Agriculture is indicated by the following executive communication, submitted some time after introduction of the bill, recommending enactment of such legislation.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
*January 30, 1956.*

The SPEAKER,  
*House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: The Department recommends enactment of legislation to extend the authority of the Secretary to administer sections 7 through 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1936 for 2 years after the expiration of such authority on December 31, 1956.

Section 7 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act provides for administration of these provisions by agencies of States which are authorized by State law to assume that responsibility and who submit acceptable plans for such administration to the Secretary.



Section 8 originally provided a period of 2 years in which the Secretary would administer the act through State, county, and local committees. This period was provided to allow States sufficient time to enact legislation and submit plans. The original authority for Federal administration expired December 31, 1938. The authority has been extended several times to the present expiration date.

Up to the present time 24 States and 2 insular areas have enacted laws to provide for State administration. An equal number do not possess such authority and it would be necessary for the Secretary to administer the programs authorized by the act in States without such authority even though the States who now have legal authority should submit plans that were approved.

There is attached a draft of an amendment to the act, which we believe would accomplish the desired effect. A similar draft of proposed legislation has been sent to the President of the Senate.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that it has no objection to the submission of the proposed legislation.

Sincerely yours,

E. T. BENSON, *Secretary*.

#### CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

#### SOIL CONSERVATION AND DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT ACT, AS AMENDED

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#### AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO MAKE PAYMENTS OR GRANTS OF AID DIRECTLY TO FARMERS

SEC. 8. (a) In order to carry out the purposes specified in section 7 (a) during the period necessary to afford a reasonable opportunity for legislative action by a sufficient number of States to assure the effectuation of such purposes by State action and in order to promote the more effective accomplishment of such purposes by State action thereafter, the Secretary shall exercise the powers conferred in this section during the period prior to [January 1, 1957] *January 1, 1959*, except with respect to farming operations commenced in any State after the effective date of a State plan for such State approved pursuant to section 7. No such powers shall be exercised after [December 31, 1956] *December 31, 1958*, except with respect to payments or grants in connection with farming operations carried out prior to [January 1, 1957] *January 1, 1959*. During the period prior to [January 1, 1957] *January 1, 1959*, the Secretary shall carry out the purposes specified in section 7 (a) through State action as rapidly as adequate State laws are enacted and satisfactory State plans are submitted. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section and section 7, the provisions of this section with respect to the State, county, and local committees of farmers shall continue in full force and effect for purposes other than the administration of State plans.

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# H. R. 8321

[Report No. 2570]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 1956

Mr. ABERNETHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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## A BILL

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act,  
as amended.

1      *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2      *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3      That section 8 (a), as amended, of the Soil Conservation  
4      and Domestic Allotment Act, is amended (a) by striking  
5      out "January 1, 1957" wherever it appears therein and  
6      inserting in lieu thereof "January 1, 1959", and (b) by  
7      striking out "December 31, 1956" and inserting in lieu  
8      thereof "December 31, 1958".

84<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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**H. R. 8321**

[Report No. 2570]

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**A BILL**

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic  
Allotment Act, as amended.

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By Mr. ABERNETHY

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H. R. 8321

(Hearings on H. R. 8321)

A BILL

to amend the National Education Act of 1946

and for other purposes

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HIGHLIGHTS: House passed bills to: Permit USDA-State-local employee exchanges; authorize acquisition of additional lands in Cache National Forest; approve Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire compact; release certain Tongass Forest receipts from escrow; continue ACP authority; authorize transfer of certain ARS lands in Alaska; extend time for report on Government security program. House received conference report on bill to simplify accounting procedures and facilitate payment of obligations; House committee reported bill to improve budgeting and accounting methods. House agreed to Senate amendments to bill to merge intermediate credit banks and production credit associations. House received President's veto message on military construction measure; House committee reported bill to include cranberries for canning and freezing in Marketing Agreements Act; House committee reported bill to require conformance with State game laws on certain Federal lands. House committee reported USDA point-of-order bill. Sen. Ellender introduced bill to imple- (continued on page 7)

## HOUSE

1. APPROPRIATIONS. The Agriculture Committee reported with amendment H. R. 11682, to facilitate the control and eradication of certain animal diseases, to facilitate the carrying out of agricultural and related programs, to facilitate the agricultural attache program, and to facilitate the operations of FHA, FCIC, and FS (H. Rept. 2732). p. 11795
2. PERSONNEL. Passed as reported S. 1915, to permit the exchange of employees of this Department and employees of State political subdivisions or educational institutions for a period not to exceed 2 years in duration. p. 11720
3. FORESTRY. Passed as reported H. R. 8898, to authorize the purchase of additional lands within the Cache National Forest, Utah. p. 11721

Passed without amendment S. 3032, to approve the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Compact. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 11726

Passed without amendment S. 2517, to provide for the release of certain Tongass National Forest timber receipts from escrow. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 11731

4. SOIL CONSERVATION. Passed without amendment S. 3120, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959. This bill is ready for the President. A similar bill, H. R. 8321, was laid on the table. p. 11731
5. LAND TRANSFER. Passed without amendment S. 3344, to authorize the transfer of the Baranof Castle site (former research land) to the city of Sitka, Alaska. This bill is now ready for the President. A similar bill, H. R. 9678, was laid on the table. p. 11731
6. GOVERNMENT SECURITY. Passed without amendment S. J. Res. 182, to extend (until June 30, 1957) the time limit for the filing of a final report of the Commission on Government Security. This measure is now ready for the President. A similar measure, H. J. Res. 655, was laid on the table. p. 11733
7. ACCOUNTING. Received the conference report on H. R. 9593, to simplify accounting methods and facilitate the payment of obligations (H. Rept. 2726). p. 11786  
The Government Operations Committee reported with amendment H. R. 11526, to improve governmental budgeting and accounting methods and procedures (H. Rept. 2734). p. 11795
8. FARM CREDIT. Agreed to the Senate amendments to H. R. 10285, to merge production credit corporations in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for retirement of Government capital in Federal intermediate credit banks, and to provide for supervision of production credit associations. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 11787
9. MARKETING. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H. R. 8384, to extend the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, to cranberries for canning or freezing processing (H. Rept. 2721). p. 11795
10. WILDLIFE. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee reported with amendment H. R. 8250, to require conformance with State and Territorial fish and game laws and licensing requirements on Federal lands not subject to such laws (H. Rept. 2728). p. 11795
11. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION; SURPLUS COMMODITIES. Received the President's veto message on H. R. 9893, to authorize certain construction at military installations. The bill authorizes the Secretary of Defense to use for family housing in foreign countries, foreign currencies not to exceed \$250 million acquired pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, or through other commodity transactions of the CCC (H. Doc. 450). p. 11788
12. RECORDS. Passed over, at the request of Rep. Cunningham, S. 2364, to further clarify GSA's jurisdiction over records management. p. 11716
13. TRADE FAIRS. Passed as reported H. J. Res. 604, to authorize the President to invite the various States and foreign countries to participate in the U. S.



merce. There shall be credited to such fund all receipts on account of operations after July 1, 1956, under charters of Government-owned ships under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce.

The resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table:

#### DISPOSITION OF REVENUES FROM TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST, ALASKA

The Clerk called the bill (S. 2517) to amend subsections 3 (a) of the act approved August 8, 1947, to authorize the sale of timber within the Tongass National Forest, Alaska.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That subsection (a) of section 3 of the act approved August 8, 1947 (61 Stat. 920), is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end of said subsection and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following: "Provided, That all receipts heretofore and hereafter received from the sale of such timber shall be subject to the provisions of the act of May 23, 1908 (35 Stat. 260), as amended, and the act of March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 843), as amended. If any claims of possessory rights to lands or timber within the exterior boundaries of the Tongass National Forest are determined to be valid the Territory of Alaska shall pay to the United States 25 percent of the moneys required to satisfy such claims: *Provided*, That the Territory shall not be required to pay to the United States any amount in excess of the total amount received by the Territory from the United States pursuant to the act of March 23, 1908: *Provided further*, That such payments by the Territory to the United States shall, to the extent possible, be effected by deductions from the amounts otherwise payable to the Territory pursuant to such act."

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### EXTEND ACP AUTHORITY

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 8321) to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There was no objection.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that a similar Senate bill (S. 3120) to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, may be considered in lieu of the House bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h), is amended by striking out of subsection (a) "January 1, 1957" and "December 31, 1956," wherever they appear therein, and inserting

in lieu thereof "January 1, 1959" and "December 31, 1958," respectively.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

A motion to reconsider and a similar House bill (H. R. 8321) were laid on the table.

#### BARANOF CASTLE SITE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 9678) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Territory of Alaska certain lands in the city of Sitka, known as Baranof Castle site.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There was no objection.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that a similar Senate bill (S. 3344) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Territory of Alaska certain lands in the city of Sitka, known as Baranof Castle site, may be considered in lieu of the House bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to convey, without reimbursement therefor, to the Territory of Alaska, for use as a historic monument site, all the right, title, and interest of the United States to the following described lands, containing 1.349 acres, more or less, and improvement thereon, known as the Baranof Castle site: The tract of land formerly occupied by the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, more particularly shown on the plat of Sitka townsite, Alaska, United States survey No. 1474, tract A, approved April 2, 1925, as the United States Reserve for Agricultural Investigations and Weather Service: *Provided*, That if the Territory of Alaska shall attempt to transfer title to or control over these lands, or to devote them to a use other than as a historic monument site title thereto shall revert to the United States.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

A motion to reconsider and a similar House bill (H. R. 9678) were laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING CREDITING OF CERTAIN SERVICE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 2035) to provide for the crediting of certain service toward retirement of Reserve personnel.

There being no objection the Clerk read the bill as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 6 of the act of February 21, 1946 (60 Stat. 27), is amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a colon and adding the following proviso: "Provided, That in the case of officers of the Nurse Corps Reserve, a branch of the Naval Reserve, such years of active service and active commissioned service shall be based on that service specified in section 207 (h) of the Army-Navy Nurses Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 50), as amended."

SEC. 2. The Army and Air Force Vitalization and Retirement Equalization Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 1081), as amended, is further amended by—

(a) amending that part of subsection (a) of section 302 which appears before the first proviso to the subsection to read as follows: "Any person who, upon attaining or having attained the age of 60 years, has performed satisfactory Federal service as defined in this section including (1) service in the status of a commissioned officer, warrant officer, flight officer, appointed aviation cadet, nurse, or enlisted person in the Army of the United States or the United States Air Force including the respective reserve components thereof, and also including the federally recognized National Guard prior to 1933, the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, or the United States Coast Guard, including the reserve components thereof, and (2) all service creditable under section 110 or section 207 (h) of the Army-Navy Nurses Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 46, 50) as amended, and has completed an aggregate of 20 or more years of such satisfactory service in any or all of the aforesaid services, shall, upon application therefor, be granted retired pay:"

(b) amending section 306 (c) by deleting the word "and" where it appears at the end of part (15); changing the period at the end of part (16) to a semicolon and adding thereafter the word "and"; and adding the following new part:

"(17) the Navy Nurse Corps established by the act of May 13, 1908 (35 Stat. 146), in respect of service as a Reserve nurse after June 30, 1938;"

(c) inserting in section 306 (e) after the words "Air Force Reserve" the words "or as inactive Reserve nurse of the Army Nurse Corps established by the act of February 2, 1901 (31 Stat. 753), as amended"; and

(d) inserting in section 306 (f) after the words "Marine Corps Reserves" the words "or inactive service in a Reserve nurse status in the Navy Nurse Corps established by the act of May 13, 1908 (35 Stat. 146), before July 1, 1938."

With the following committee amendment:

Add a new section 3 as follows:

"SEC. 3. All the appointments made on or after December 7, 1941, in the Army of the United States without component under the joint resolution of September 22, 1941 (55 Stat. 728) which were not earlier terminated by affirmative administrative action or other provisions of law may be considered for all purposes to have continued in effect until April 1, 1953."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. Brooks of Louisiana: Page 2, line 9, following the words "flight officer" insert the following: "army field clerk, field clerk, Quartermaster Corps."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to authorize the crediting of certain service for purposes of pay and retirement."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECONVEYING MINERAL INTERESTS IN LAND TO FORMER OWNERS

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 11879) to provide for the reconveyance of all mineral interests in lands acquired by



the United States for certain reservoir projects to former owners thereof, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that a similar Senate bill (S. 1384) to provide for the reconveyance of all mineral interests in lands acquired by the United States for certain reservoir projects to former owners thereof, and for other purposes, be considered in lieu of the House bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed, when he determines that the exploration for or exploitation of any mineral interests underlying lands within and for the purpose of reservoir projects of the Yazoo Basin headwater project in the State of Mississippi will not be incompatible with the development, maintenance, and operation of the reservoir projects and that the reconveyance of any such aforementioned interests to the former owners thereof will be in the public interest, to convey such interests to the former owners thereof, or in the case of any such owner who is deceased, to his legal heirs, if any, upon (1) application made within 3 years from the date of enactment of this act, and (2) payment to the United States of an amount equal to but not in excess of the purchase price for which said interests were acquired by the United States.

SEC. 2. Each conveyance of mineral interests under this act shall contain such reservations, restrictions, terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are necessary for the development, maintenance, and operation of the reservoir projects.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time and passed.

A motion to reconsider and a similar House bill (H. R. 11879) were laid on the table.

#### EXCEPT CERTAIN COURSES FROM 2-YEAR PROVISION

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 4127) to exempt courses leading to standard college degrees offered by nonprofit educational institutions of higher learning from the provisions of section 227 of the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 prohibiting the enrollment of eligible veterans under that act when such courses have been in operation for less than 2 years.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 227 (b) of the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 (38 U. S. C. 932) is hereby amended by deleting the word "or" following the semicolon at the end of clause (2), changing the period at the end of clause (3) to "; or", and adding a new clause (4) to read as follows:

"(4) any course which is offered by a nonprofit educational institution of college level and which is recognized for credit toward a standard college degree."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third

time and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### USE OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10238) to authorize and direct the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to accept certain land in Buncombe County, N. C., for cemetery purposes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that to pass this bill by unanimous consent would set a precedent that might affect all of the veterans' hospitals in the United States, and in view of the further facts that the cost is uncertain, that the Veterans' Administration objects and does not report favorably, and that the Bureau of the Budget objects, I ask unanimous consent that this bill may be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

#### BANNING PENSION PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN PRISONERS

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10477) to prohibit the payment of pensions to persons confined in penal institutions for periods longer than 61 days.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill may be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

(Mr. TEAGUE of Texas asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD.)

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this bill bars the payment of non-service-connected pension under any public or private law administered by the Veterans' Administration to an individual who has been imprisoned in a Federal, State, or local penal institution, as a result of conviction for a felony or misdemeanor, beginning 60 days after his imprisonment and ending when the imprisonment ends.

In other words, a person serving 60 days would not be covered by this proposal but one serving longer than that period would not be eligible to receive a pension. It would not prevent the individual involved from applying for and receiving a reinstatement of his pension upon completion of his term if he meets the other requirements.

Pension is a gratuity, legally, and payable solely to otherwise eligible veterans who served during a period of war and is not based in any way on a service-connected disability.

Recently, at my direction, a study was made of the number of veterans in prison in 10 States, as well as those incarcerated in Federal penal institutions. The number was sizable and among the crimes in-

involved were theft, narcotic sales, forgery, bank robbery, murder, rape, adultery, kidnaping, and so forth.

The bill provides that the Administrator may apportion and pay to the wife and/or children of the veteran the pension for which he would be eligible if he were not incarcerated in a penal institution.

While admittedly there will be some additional administrative burden placed on the Veterans' Administration as a result of the enactment of this legislation, it does appear that there will be a savings as a result of this bill.

It is my opinion that sound public policy requires that no pension for a non-service-connected disability be paid to a person who is serving a sentence for a felony or misdemeanor. It should be considered that a person in this category is receiving care for all of his creature comforts and in view of the non-service-connected feature of his pension, there is no valid reason why such a person should continue to draw a benefit from the Federal Government when he has been convicted of a serious offense and is serving a term in prison for this offense.

It should be noted that the Veterans' Administration concurs in the enactment of this legislation.

(Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to extend her remarks at this point in the RECORD.)

[Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts' remarks will appear hereafter in the Appendix.]

#### PERIODIC SURVEY OF NATIONAL SHIPBUILDING CAPABILITY

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10560) to require periodic survey by the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Board of national shipbuilding capability.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. BÖNNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that a similar Senate bill (S. 3705) to require periodic survey by the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Board of national shipbuilding capability, be considered in lieu of the House bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 502 (f) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following two new sentences: "The Secretary of Commerce, with the advice of and in coordination with the Secretary of the Navy, shall periodically, as required for purposes of this act, survey the existing privately owned shipyards capable of merchant ship construction, or review available data on such shipyards if deemed adequate, to determine whether their capabilities for merchant ship construction, including facilities and skilled personnel, provide an adequate mobilization base at strategic points for purposes of national defense and national emergency. The Secretary of Commerce, in







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AN ACT

All 70 Stat. 597.

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h), is amended by striking out of subsection (a) "January 1, 1957" and "December 31, 1956", wherever they appear therein, and inserting in lieu thereof "January 1, 1959" and "December 31, 1958", respectively. 68 Stat. 907.

Approved July 24, 1956





